MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-sixth Annual Convention

OF THE

Women's Missionary Society

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

OF THE

United Lutheran Church of America

Held in Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebr.
October 12th to 14th, 1926.

DIRECTORY, 1926, 1927

Synodical Motto, "Pray and Serve"

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Mrs. M. D. Willert.....1927
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Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger.....1928
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Mission Study—Mrs. W. I. Guss, 2051 North 20th St., Omaha.
Thank Offering—Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Dakota City.
Annuity—Mrs. M. D. Willert, Tekamah.
Industrial—Mrs. H. C. Heckt, Hooper.
Box Work—Mrs. John Lindahl, Allen.
Light Brigade—Mrs. O. L. Sturtevant, 2715 Cable Ave., Lincoln.
Deaconess—Mrs. Frank Burkhart, Nebraska City.
Immigration-Student—Miss Dorothea Mortensen, 742 East 10th St., Fremont.
Literature—Miss Suda Wood, Tekamah.
Magazine—Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, 316 South 54th St., Omaha.
Young Women—Miss Ruth Selheimer, 7710 North 29th St., Omaha.
Extension—Mrs. O. W. Ebright, 2315 "I" St., Omaha.
Standard of Excellence—Mrs. Carl Slagel, Davenport.
Life and In Memorial—Mrs. Geo. H. Haase, Emerson.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

Northeast—Mrs. C. P. Kafriker, Ponca.
Omaha—Mrs. F. W. Neihaus, 7008 Minne Lusa Blvd., Omaha.
Southeast—Mrs. Frank Burkhart, Nebraska City.
Lincoln—Mrs. C. S. Bream, 847 South 14th Street, Lincoln.
Fremont—Mrs. R. L. Patterson, Fremont.
Central—Miss Mamie Adams, Wolbach.
Western—Mrs. F. E. Wood, 923 East 5th St., North Platte.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. G. E. Hickman Mrs. O. D. Baltzly

EQUALIATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Geo. H. Haase, chairman.

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Women's Societies

Allen—Mrs. Wm. Hoffman.
Auburn—Miss Elizabeth Snyder.
Beatrice—Mrs. L. K. Stevenson.
Benedict (Zion)—Mrs. E. A. Trussel.
Benedict (Bethel)—Mrs. Geo. Dickson.
Benson—Mrs. Harry Haney, 2341 North 60th Ave., Omaha.
Dakota City (Immanuel)—Mrs. Louis Larson.
Dakota City (Salem)—Mrs. W. H. Saas.
Davenport—Mrs. E. Bollman, Shickley.
Emerson—Mrs. F. E. Stewart.
Falls City—Mrs. John Dietrich, West 16th St.
Fremont—Mrs. C. H. B. Lewis, 306 East 14th St.
Grand Island—Mrs. Otto Giesenhagen, 222 West 11th St.
Hardy—Mrs. C. C. Cramer.
Hooper—Mrs. Ralph Livers.
Lincoln—Mrs. O. L. Sturtevant, 2715 Cable Ave.
Nebraska City—Mrs. Frank Burkhart, 308 First Ave.
North Platte—Mrs. Loy Ebright, R. F. D. 2, Box 58.
Omaha,Kountze Memorial—Mrs. V. R. Huffman, 4716 Military Ave.
Omaha, St. Mark's—Mrs. W. I. Guss, 2051 North 20th Street.
Omaha, St. Luke's—Mrs. O. W. Ebright, 2315 I Street.
Omaha, Redeemer—Mrs. R. H. Fair, 1820 Spencer St.
Ponca—Miss Esther Lofgren.
Rising City—Mrs. Geo. F. Dechert.
South Sioux City—Mrs. G. E. Mortensen.
Stella—Mrs. E. Wheeler.
Stanford—Mrs. Chas. Mackprang.
Tekamah—Miss Tillie Swanson.
Verdon, Mrs. Edwin Friedly, Salem, Nebr.
Wayne—Mrs. H. C Peterson.
West Point—Mrs. W. W. Frankfurt.
Wilber—Mrs. D. Meisenbach.
Wolbach—Mrs. R. A. White.

Young Women Societies

Emerson—Miss Ellen Prouse.
Falls City—Miss Mary Roesch, Reserve, Kansas.
Fremont (East Hall)—Miss Lillian Wilman, East Hall, Midland College.
Fremont (Salem)—Miss Mary Sick, 1149 North D St.
Lincoln—Miss Laura Schnable, 310 South 27th St.
North Platte (Sanford Circle)—Miss Thea Hansen, 314 East 4th St.
North Platte—Miss Beaulah Olson, Reynold Terrace, Apt. 5.
Omaha, Grace—Miss Margaret Carlson, 1516 South 25th St.
Omaha, Kountze—Miss Myrtle Sorenson, 5611 Florence Blvd.
Omaha Kountze (Mette Blair girls)—Miss Eleanor Tscharner, 2306 Douglas St.
Omaha, St. Luke's—Mrs. Helen Borchman, 2507 North 49th St.
Omaha, Redeemer—Miss Caroline Rees, 2808 Ames Ave.
Omaha, St. Mark's—Mrs. C. F. Patton, 2411 North 51st Street.
Ponca—Miss Lillie Lee.
Hardy—Miss Elaine E. Lance.
Verdon—Miss Irene Jorn.
Wilber—Miss Gertrude Greer.
Wolbach—Miss Mamie Adams.

LIGHT BRIGADES

Sponsors or Presidents

Auburn	Mrs. A. O. Frank
Allen	Mrs. John Lindahl
Beatrice	Mrs. E. P. Mumford, 1000 Elk St.
Emerson	Mrs. R. E. Rangeler
Falls City	Mrs. L. F. Reis
Fremont	Mrs. H. F. Martin, Midland College, (personal)
Grand Island	Mrs. Herman Oft
Hooper	Mrs. R. W. Livers
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Omaha, Kountze	Miss Wilhelmina Hibbeler, 3111 South 22nd St.
Omaha, Kountze (Castellar Mission)	Miss Irene Conrad, 904 Atlas St.
Omaha, St. Mark's	Miss Helen Larson, 2523 North 19th St.
Rising City	Mrs. John Gleisberg
South Sioux City	Mrs. Hans Bonickson
Tekamah	Miss Suda Wood
Verdon	Mrs. A. W. Young
Wayne	Mrs. C. L. Stager
West Point	Mrs. W. W. Frankfurt
Wilber	Mrs. E. E. Shimonek
Wolbach	Miss Mamie Adams
York	Mrs. J. L. Sawyer

DELEGATES

Women's Societies

Allen	Mrs. John Lindahl
Beatrice	Mrs. E. P. Mumford, Mrs. M. A. Mostert
Benson	Mrs. G. B. Weaver
Dakota City, (Immanuel)	Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger
Dakota City, (Salem)	Mrs. W. W. Coughtry
Davenport	Mrs. Carl Slagel, Mrs. J. M. Lambert
Emerson	Mrs. F. E. Stewart, Mrs. E. Enke
Falls City	Mrs. Sena Heinzelman
Fremont	Mrs. C. H. B. Lewis, Mrs. Geo. Mendenhall
Grand Island	Mrs. Alfred Oetting
Hardy	Mrs. R. R. Peckham
Hooper	Mrs. E. L. Geisert, Mrs. H. P. Meier
Lincoln	Mrs. C. H. Dean
Nebraska City	Mrs. W. F. Burkhart
North Platte	Mrs. Loy Ebright, Mrs. H. S. Johnson
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	Mrs. V. R. Huffman, Mrs. J. A. Williams
Omaha, St. Mark's	Mrs. Wm. H. Haas, Mrs. I. L. Beisel
Omaha, St. Luke's	Mrs. R. F. Bowers, Mrs. Henry Grimm
Omaha, Redeemer	Mrs. A. G. Blaufuss, Mrs. G. A. Bowyer
Ponca	Mrs. Mamie Lipe
Rising City	Mrs. G. H. Miller, Mrs. A. S. Gluck
South Sioux City	Mrs. S. A. Bridenbaugh
Tekamah	Mrs P. M. Scherer, Miss Mary Lubke
Verdon	Mrs. Will Harkendorff, Mrs. Ed. Harkendorff
West Point	Mrs. H. Flores, Mrs. W. W. Frankfurt
Wilber	Mrs. E. E. Shimonek
Wolbach	Miss Mamie Adams

YOUNG WOMEN DELEGATES

Emerson	Miss Alma Bonderson
Falls City	Miss Lena Roesch
Fremont, (East Hall)	Miss Rena Bonderson
Fremont, (Salem)	Miss Dorothea Mortensen
Lincoln	Miss Marie Helzer
North Platte	Mrs. F. E. Wood
Omaha, Grace	Mrs. V. P. Bell
Omaha, Kountze	Mrs. E. F. Nelson
Omaha, St. Luke's	Miss Evelyn Kaiser
Omaha, Redeemer	Miss Barbara Fair
Omaha, St. Mark's	Mrs. Chas. R. Geistler
Ponca	Miss Fern Mielle
Verdon	Miss Martha Becker
Hardy	Miss Christine Hansen

GERMAN NEBRASKA VISITORS

Miss Anna Harder and Miss Anna Volker, from Johnson.
Mrs. C. W. Hickey, Miss Bernice Hickey, Miss Roma Hickey, Miss Miss Dora Johanson, Miss Anita Dornacker, Miss Alberta Dornacker, all from Bennington.
Miss Anna Schneider, Miss Hilda and Laura Niebaum, of Fontanelle.

LIGHT BRIGADE DELEGATES

Allen	Mrs. John Lindahl
Fremont	Mrs. H. F. Martin
Hooper	Mrs. R. W. Livers
Lincoln	Mrs. A. Walla
Omaha, Kountze	Mrs. J. A. Williams
Omaha, Castellar Mission	Mrs. V. P. Huffman
Omaha, St. Mark's	Mrs. O. L. Nelson
Tekamah	Mrs. John Frew
Wilber	Mrs. L. J. Skocpol
Wilbach	Miss Mamie Adams
Grand Island	Mrs. Frank Corrigan

The Convention opened with Communion Services conducted by Rev. K. deFreese, Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha, followed by devotional service by Miss Dorothea Mortensen and Miss Bessie Petersen. Theme: "The Value of Prayer in Our Lives."

Registration Committee reported; program presented; convention formally opened by the President.

Greetings to Convention, Mrs. C. H. B. Lewis, Fremont.
Response, Mrs. H. S. Johnson, North Platte.
Greetings from Synod, Rev. K. deFreese.
Letter from Mrs. J. F. Krueger read.
Session closed with prayer by Rev. K. deFreese.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Session opened with Hymn 224, prayer by Mrs. C. S. Bream, Lincoln.

Reception of Delegates from newly organized Societies.

Literature and magazine work presented by Miss Suda Wood.

President's Address. Theme: "The Importance of Missions.

Following reports read and referred to proper committees: Bulletin Committee, Mountain Mission Special, Midland Assembly.

REPORT OF BULLETIN COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the recommendation passed last year that President, Mountain Mission Secretary, Young Women's Secretary, Magazine and Thank Offering Secretaries, constitute the Bulletin Committee, and considering the fact, I have acted in the first three capacities, with the consent of the other two Secretaries, quarterly bulletin letters were sent this past year.

Notices were sent to all Department Secretaries and Officers of the next bulletin letter and requests were made for letters to be included. This request was complied with, when Secretaries felt it necessary.

Miss Anna Beckmann of the Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha, graciously mimeographed all bulletins, making no charge except for stencils and extra paper if needed. This has saved the Synodical Society at least $100 the past year, if work had been charged at regular price.

We recommend the five cents per member bulletin fee be continued for the coming year to help defray expense of mailing bulletins, providing bulletins are desired as in the past.

MRS. L. A. HORNBURG, Chairman.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL MOUNTAIN MISSION SECRETARY.

Action was taken at last convention for the Nebraska Synodical Societies to reach their apportionment of 88 shares for the Konnarock school. To date 26 societies have reported to me 52½ shares, $6 cash purchased. This does not agree with the total of the General Mountain Mission Secretary, as she credits Nebraska with 69 shares, making a shortage of 19 shares of our goal.

We passed our goal for the Japan Girls' School. Will we remain short of that goal for our Home Mission project?

MRS. L. A. HORNBURG, Chairman.

REPORT OF MIDLAND ASSEMBLY FOR 1926.

The 1926 session of Midland Assembly Summer School for church workers, which was held June 21 to 25 at Midland College, Fremont, was a success in every way. The attendance was larger than in any previous year. An efficient faculty presented a helpful and instructive program.

Each day was a busy one, beginning with a devotional sunrise service at 7 o'clock. Afternoons were devoted to recreation and group meetings. At sunset there were beautiful campus services in charge of Mrs. H. C. Bell. The evening program was a lecture by a member of the faculty.

Regular classes began at 8 a. m. with the Bible Study conducted by Mrs. Bell.

Mrs. Bell with her intimate and personal knowledge of the rural church conditions in our United Lutheran Church, was exceptionally well qualified to teach "Our Templed Hills."

Miss Tilda Nelson who had spent some years in India as a missionary gave "Moslem Women." As Missionary women, our interest in the Moslem question should be very keen because Islem is spreading more rapidly than Christianity.

Dr. C. H. B. Lewis presented work in the "Church School" and Rev. A. J. Traver, General Secretary of the Luther League presented work for Young People. We were made to feel very strongly our responsibility for the religious care and education of the child and youth of our church.

The Stewardship class, under the direction of Mr. Arthur Black, General Secretary of the Laymen's Movement, was an eye-opener to many. When the members of our churches everywhere see themselves as God's stewards, responsible to Him for the use of their time, talents, and money, most of our present problems in church work will cease to exist.

Any of you who have attended will be better workers in your church. Those congregations who have never had a representative will find yourselves amply repaid for any financial outlay. Begin now to make plans so you will have at least ONE representative at Midland Assembly next year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. P. KARRIKER,

Young Women's representative Board of Directors.

Following reports were read and referred to proper committee: Western, South East, North East, Fremont, Omaha.

REPORT OF WESTERN DISTRICT

1 Women's Society.

1 Business Women's Society, (Sanford Circle).

1 Girls' Missionary Society, (organized Sept. 22nd, 1926, with 8 members and 2 honorary members).

Combined conference held at Paxton June 8th with good attendance. The following towns were represented: North Platte, Oshkosh, Lewellen, Paxton, Sutherland, Sidney, Gurley.

We are hoping for big results from this conference. Attendance about 77, including 2 Synodical officers.

A similiar meeting was held at Oshkosh August 26th. The same towns were represented as at Paxton. An enthusiastic meeting resulted. The seed is sown and we hope it will bear fruit. We are planning to follow up this work in the near future. About 100 people attended this joint conference.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. F. E. WOOD, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT.

The meeting of the South East District was held April 7th at St. Paul's Lutheran church, Auburn.

An all day session was held, given mostly to presentation of the various departments with informal discussion.

Rev. A. O. Frank, pastor loci, gave a very instructive and helpful address on, "What the Women's Missionary Means to the Local Church."

A sketch, "The Fountain of Youth" was given by the ladies from Falls City.

Six shares were taken for the Mountain Mission work.

The Synodical President was present and presented matters of interest.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. A. W. YOUNG, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT

The first meeting of the Northeast District of the Women's Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod was held at St. Lukes Church, Emerson, Nebraska on April 7th, 1926; Rev. R. E. Rangeler, pastor.

Morning, afternoon and evening sessions were held. The program consisted of many topics of interest in the Missionary work, which were interspersed with special music, playlets and stereopticon pictures.

The Thank Offering, Box Work and In Memoriam Department Secretaries presented their departmental work.

Out of town registration was 97, representing eight different churches.

Total offerings were $23.35, leaving a balance of $12 00 after conference expenses were paid, which balance was sent to the Synodical Treasurer.

The Conference gave $30.00 for three shares in the Konnarock School and paid $25 75 toward the traveling expenses of a Young Woman delegate to the Young Women's Congress at Rockford, Ill., Sept. 25, 1926.

All present voted the meeting very profitable and Ponca extended an invitation to the Conference to meet with them in the spring of 1927.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. GEO. H. HAASE, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE FREMONT DISTRICT

The meeting was called to order by the District Chairman.

The Devotional service was led by Mrs. R. L. Patterson.

Short talks were given on the various departments of the Missionary work by different women.

A challenge was given to the women by two young women, giving the possibilities of the young women in both the home church and in the foreign work.

Rev. James J. Raun spoke on the work he did while in India, and of the conditions there.

The attendance was about 50, with an offering of $4.31.

MRS. CHAS. H. B. LEWIS, District Chairman.

REPORT OF OMAHA DISTRICT.

Meeting held April 28 at St. Luke's Church, Omaha. Afternoon session conducted by women, showing 54 registered. Motion was carried that ways be devised by which a young woman might be sent as a District Special to the Young Women's Congress at Rockford. Committee appointed to report at evening meeting.

Afternoon offering, $12.61.

Following the dinner the evening meeting was given by young women. Offering taken, $16.18.

Motion carried that considering that all expenses of the afternoon meeting had been donated, that one share for Mountain Mission be purchased in name of Mrs. F. W. Neihaus, balance be sent to Synodical Treasurer, and that evening offering be used as a nucleus for fund for sending a young woman to the Congress. Committee to decide upon the method of raising balance and young woman to go.

Meeting of an informational nature with discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. W. NEIHAUS, Chairman.

Dr. H. F. Martin addressed the convention.

Convention committees read, to be altered and read again next day.

By motion time for evening session was set ahead 30 minutes in order that delegates could also attend Midland Lecture Course program.

Life and In Memoriam Pageant presented by Mrs. Geo. H. Haase, Emerson.

Meeting adjourned with missionary benediction.

Tuesday Evening

A "Metta Blair" dinner was observed with toasts given to "Our Missions," "Our Missionaries" and "Our Societies" with two vocal solos. Mrs. H. F. Martin, of Midland College, Toastmistress.

EVENING SERVICE.

Service opened with reading of Psalm 46 by Mrs. H. C. Heckt.

Prayer, Mrs. J. H. Miller.

Address, Miss Metta Blair.

Offering, $21.47.

Benediction by Dr. Geo. Mendenhall.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional service conducted by Miss Pauline Prestegaard. Theme: "The Value of Service in Our Lives."

Roll was called and Tuesday minutes read and approved as corrected.

Registration Committee reported.

Report of Executive Committee read and referred to proper committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board held three meetings during the year: October 3, 1925, immediately following the convention, for the purpose of appointing Department Secretaries, District Chairmen, Constitution and other committees.

April 28, 1926, at which time the date of the 46th Annual Convention was set, program presented and approved, and the treasurer authorized to have "Instructions to Local Treasurers" printed.

October 11th, 1926, preceeding the convention, to adopt recommendations to be presented to convention.

Necessary bills were allowed at each meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. H. C. CORDTS, Recording Secretary.

Report of President read and referred to proper committee.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT

As President for the past year, I hereby submit the following report:

Three Executive meetings, reports of which will be given in report of Executive Committee.

The Missionary Society was represented at all meetings of the Midland Assembly Board.

Effort was made with surrounding Synodical Societies in order to arrange for same speakers at conventions, but found it impossible with the exception of the German Nebraska who had Miss Blair with them.

Since the re-districting of Synod was effective this year dates for the district meetings were so arranged that it was possible for me to attend five of them. The reports of attendance will be given by the chairmen, which will prove an attendance of from 40 to 75 at each meeting; more information is possible under this division.

I was able to visit besides the district meetings, 7 regular society meetings; met with the officers of four others and traveled in the interests of the Synodical Society over 2,000 miles in the state of Nebraska, at an expense to the society of $8.00.

Had hoped to visit extreme western part of state, but health did not permit.

Two women's societies, Stamford and Dakota City (Salem), have organized as a result of Mrs. Bell's visit. Five Young Women's, Hardy, Ponca, Falls City, North Platte and Redeemer, Omaha, are new. Light Brigades at Grand Island, McCool Junction, Verdon and York are reported with one not reported at Auburn.

Young Women's Society at South Sioux City, the only society reported having disbanded in the past year. Stella reports having revived.

Young Women's Secretary, Mrs. F. C. Lage, resigning in January, I assumed duties in connection with presidency.

Mrs. E. H. Kreutz recommended for membership on Midland Assembly Board.

Five letters sent to societies for information, but no record of other letters sent. Have used post cards when possible to cut expense.

English Nebraska Synodical Society was represented at the Young Women's Congress by eleven young women, at the convention by the three elected delegates and six visitors. Some of the young women remained for the convention also.

On account of existing conditions the Vice Presidents were not called on for any particular work as such—both had other work, however.

Recommendations

1. First, that we express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father, by increasing our gifts and our prayers, for the work He has permitted us to accomplish in the cause of Missions.

2. That we express our deep appreciation of His love for us in the organization of the new societies in our Synod, only one society disbanded, and pray that it will re-organize this year.

3. That all congregational societies continue their loyalty in supporting the Synodical Society and also support their pastors in desires of furthering missionary interest and lines of definite service to young people.

4. Recommendation passed at April Executive meeting, "that we recommend that the Statistical Secretary, be instructed to place the Mission Study Books that are at present in the Historian's files, in the Midland Missionary Library, and that the printed minutes of our Missionary conventions be filed in loose leaf form."

5. Passed at same time, "that we recommend that Convention Box Work money for 1926, be given Tabetha Home to help furnish one of the dormitory rooms." The sick room was later decided upon as being nearest usual amount of Box Work offering.

6. We recommend that considering that the General Executive Board passed favorably on the Fiftieth Anniversary Special, presented a year ago, that a special standing committee be appointed to raise this $2,000 in yearly installments of $500.

7. That the Christmas offering be the largest ever offered and be devoted for work in China.

8. Considering the action taken by the Synod last year on pages 21 and 66 of printed minutes, that the Missionary societies strive to bring about a closer fellowship and wider knowledge of Missions and general Church affairs.

9. That Missionary Societies stress the advantages of attending Midland Assembly and send delegates for better work locally.

10. That all money for Midland Assembly be sent directly to Assembly Treasurer and not to Synodical Missionary Treasurer.

11. That more Box Work be done in local societies than in the past. List of necessary articles can be procured from Synodical Box Work Secretary for Foreign, as well as Inner Mission and the need is great in both.

12. That more magazine subscriptions be procured and greater knowledge be gained through DIRECTED reading of same.

13. That Recording Secretary be permitted to strike out all unnecessary words in reports and only Chairmen of convention committees be named in printed minutes.

14. That old officers complete convention, though new officers are installed the second night.

15. That designation be made at this convention to what purpose the refund of $104.50, subscribed as convention Box Work in 1923, at Emerson, for Rev. James Raun, then in India, be used.

16. Observance be made for Day of Prayer, March 4th, 1927, and that Week of Prayer be observed also wherever possible.

17. That we stress the offering for the biennium of the Tenth Birthday Anniversary of the General Society.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS. L. A.) EDNA M. HORNBURG, President.

Report of Statistical Secretary read and referred to proper committee.

STATISTICAL AND HISTORICAL REPORT.

We are closing our report for July 31, 1926, with 32 Woman's Societies enrolled, having an active membership of 825; Young Woman's, 15 societies, with 331 active members, and 24 Light Brigades with 714 active members.

We shall add to Historian's file all such material as shall be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. E. SHIMONEK, Secretary.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL STATISTICAL SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING JULY 31st, 1926

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Name of Society	Statistical Secretary	MEMBERS			Life Mem.		In Mem-Mbs.		Home Dept.			Mission Study					Thank Offering			Magazines			Estimated Value of Box Work					Misc.				
		Active	Honorary	Total	No. Given This Year	Total No. Given by or Through Society	No. Given This Year	Total No. Through Soc	No. Members	Using E. D. Readings	Becoming Active Mem	Class Org. This Year	Members in Classes	Reading Circles	Mem. Reading Circle	Members Honor Roll	No. in Service	Congre. T. O. Sec'y	Public Meetings Held	Daily Thank Offering	No. New Subs. Received During Yr.	Total No. Subscription	No. Subs. Luth. Boys and Girls	Home	Inner	Foreign	Total	No. Bonds Taken Out	Ass'n'y	Bible Women Support	Patron. Protegee Scholarships Supports	Meet Held Prayer Wk	No. Pts. Attained Stand. of Excellence
Allen	Mrs. M. S. Zook	25		25		7		3				1	10				1		12		21	31	12.00	2.50		14.50						
Auburn	Mrs. A. O. Frank, So. N St.	12	2	14				1				2	19			1		1	2	14	1	12	25								1	1
Beatrice	Mrs. M. A. Mostart, 113 So. 9th St.	16		16	2	4			12	10					7			1	1	3		27		13.00	6.00		19.00				1	1
Benedict, Zion	Mrs. R. G. Talbot	18	1	19				1	1			1	7					1	20	5	11			1.00			1.00					
Benedict, Bethel	Mrs. L. P. Loreman	9	8	17														1	17	1	8						10.00					
Benson	Mrs. C. H. Ramm, 6322 Pinkney	14	1	15	2	4		1				1	12					1				10	25	15.00			15.00					
Dakota, Salem	Mrs. W. W. Coughtey	12		12													1	1	12	11	11										
Dakota, Emmanuel	Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger	2	1	3		5		2	1						1	1		1	1	1	3	20		20.00			20.00				1	
Davenport	Mrs. Oscar Bower	15	2	17										1				1			3	13		10.00	27.00	8.50	45.50				1	
Emerson	Mrs. Emil Jensen	43	1	44	4	18		3	17	11	2	1	16			1		1	1	36	9	52	50				10.00				1	1
Falls City	Mrs. Ernest Werner, R. 5	40	1	41														1	1	30	1	15	36	10.00	27.00		37.00					
Fremont	Mrs. W. F. Rangeler, 1049 E. Military	32	18	50	1	7	1	3				2	16				1	1			39	30	5.00	40.00		45.00		1		6	
Grand Island	Mrs. H. Oft, 913 W. Louise	36		36				1				1	16								2	17	60	55.00			55.00					
Hardy	Mrs. E. C. Mortensen	19	5	24								1	11						1	3	4	13			32.60		32.60					
Hooper	Mrs. A. E. Hecker	17	1	18	1	2			7	7		1	15					1	1		5	24		30.00	10.00	40.00	80.00	1				1
Lincoln	Mrs. C. R. Phillippi, 724 So. 18th	43	2	45	4	14		2	25	25	3							1	1	3	1	11	125	2.50	17.00	10.00	29.50					
Nebraska City	Amanda Podenborg, 1303 1st Corso	14		14		1		1	1			1	10					1	1	9	1	26	50	15.00			15.00				1	
North Platte		28	1	29		5	1	1				1	20					1		20	2	20	30	85.00	5.00		90.00				1	
Oakland	Mrs. W. A. Geitsler	15		15																	4	5	8	230.00	10.00		233.00					
Omaha, Kountze M.	Mrs. J. S. Herd, 815 So. 33rd	86	3	89	1	41		13	55			2				2		1	2		13	76		53.00	105.00		158.00	1				
Omaha, St. Mark's	Mrs. Pauline Albach, 5627 Emilie St.	41	5	46	10	33		5	10	10	1	1	11	1	11	8		1	1	41	5	46		4.50	81.00	58.50	144.00	1			1	1
Omaha, St. Luke's	Mrs. R. F. Bowers, 2205 Monroe	10	4	14	2	4	1	1				1	26		4	4		1	1	14	1	14		20.00	2.00		22.00					1
Omaha, Redeemer	Mrs. F. B. Bohr, 3169 Larimore Ave.	54	4	58		6		2				1	9					1	1		4	37	60									
Ponca	Mrs. M. Lipe	52		52	1	7						1	15					1	1		5	29									5	
Rising City	Mrs. L. J. Saylor	40	2	42	1	14	1	4				1	8						1		4	42	30	20.00	265.00		285.00	1	1	1		1
South Sioux	Mrs. M. A. Schmied	28		28														2	1	1	2	14		6.00			6.00				1	
Stamford	Mrs. Claia Upson	8		8														1	1	8	7	7	6									
Tekamah	Mrs. T. C. Kjeldgaad	20	2	22	1	9	1	6	13			1	22	1	6	5		1	1		7	26	22	94.00			94.00					1
Wayne	Mrs. Gereon Allvin	14		14																		11										
West Point	Mrs. E. J. DeBell	17	3	20		3			17			1	12						1		3	16	65	4.00	5.00	4.50	13.50					1
Wilber	Mrs. Joe Verbsky	22		22	1	1			1	1		1	5	1	25			1	1	15	3	17		10.00	36.00		46.00				1	1
Verdon	Mrs. Harry Gulliams	23	10	33	2	4			12	12		1	12	1	23			1	1	33	5	18		38.97	71.85	5.05	115.87				1	1
	Totals	825	77	902	33	189	5	50	182	66	6	24	272	5	77	22		24	30	292	107	691	673	733.97	762.95	126.55	1623.47	4	2	2	21	11

YOUNG WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Emerson	Alma Bonderson	10		10	1	1													4	4		13.00			13.00						
Falls City	Gertrude Werner	23		23																											
Fremont, Salem	Frances Kemper	26	2	28		2	1	1				1	12						4	13											
East Hall	Allie Hays	60		60								1	60					60		1								2			
Hardy	Lois Henderson	11		11													1	4													1
North Platte	Helen Bird, 221 So. Vine	10		10		2								1	6		1		2	7											
Omaha, Grace	Martha Witt, 2622 So. 33rd	19	11	30		2		2				1	10				1	15		1		35.00			35.00						1
Metta Blair Circle	Dorothy Gartz, 1147 Park Ave.	45	16	61		4						1	10				1	45		2											
Omaha, Kountze M.	Martha C. Brown, 923 No. 27th Ave.	55	10	65	2	4						1	25				1	1	1	17											1
Omaha, St. Mark's	Mrs. E. O. Koorstad, 1624 Binney	22	1	23	8	8						1	10				1	22		22			15.75	15.75	1	1	1	1			
Omaha, St. Luke's	Johanne Wandborg, 4503 So. 19th	18		18	2	3	1	1						1	18		1	1	1	9	18		39.18	39.18							
Ponca	Evelyn Mielle	12		12															1												
Wilber	Gertrude Greer	7		7															1				1.50	1.50							
Verdon	Amanda Jorn	13		13									113				1	1		4	4	10.00		5.00	15.00						
Omaha, Redeemer	Mabelle Reineke, 4916 No. 24th																														
	Totals	331	40	371	13	26	2	4				7	140	2	24		1	5	10	146	24	89	58.00	39.18	22.25	119.43	1	1	3	1	3	

LIGHT BRIGADES

Allen	Mrs. John Lindahl	25		25																	31	15.00			15.00						1
Beatrice	Mrs. Linda Mumford, 1000 Elk	18	8	26																											1
Emerson	Mrs. Chas. Beirsdorf	88		88	1	6															50										1
Falls City	Mrs. L. F. Reis, 304 W. 20th	30		30																	36	3.00	1.50	5.00	9.50						1
Fremont	Mrs. H. F. Martin	20	3	23		4															90										1
Grand Island	Mrs. H. Oft, 903 W. Louise	64		64																	50										1
Hooper	Mrs. R. W. Livers	31		31																	25			5.00	5.00						1
Lincoln, Grace	Mrs. O. L. Sturtevant, 2715 Cable	48		48		5	2	2													60										1
North Platte	Dorothy Vosienka, 1103 W. 3rd	25		25																	30										
Omaha, St. Mark's	Helen Larson, 2523 N. 19th	32		32																											1
Oakland	Mrs. W. A. Geistler	15		15																	8	31.00		7.00	38.00						1
Omaha, Kountze Mis.	Irene Conrad, 904 Atlas	30		30																											
Omaha, Kountze M.	Miss Wilhelmina Hibbeler, 3111 South 22nd																							5.78	5.78						1
Ponca	Mrs. Frank Bauer	45		45	1	3															30	1.00		10.00	11.00						1
Rising City	Mrs. John Gleisburg	58		58		8		1													22			5.00	5.00						1
Tekamah	Miss Suda Wood	42	2	44	2	3																									
Wayne	Mrs. Coy L. Stager	35		35																	80										1
West Point	Mrs. Otto Westerbeck	22		22																		1.50			1.50						
Wilber	Mrs. E. E. Shimonek	12		12																											
Lincoln, St. James	Miss Frances Lolling, Tabetha Home																														
Auburn	Mrs. Anna Knipe	20		20																											
York	Mrs. J. L. Sawyer	17		17																											
McCool	Mrs. J. L. Sawyer	8		8																											
Verdon	Miss Amanda John, R. 1	29		29																											
	Totals	714	13	727	4	29	2	3													512	51.50	1.50	37.78	90.78						14

SUMMARY

Women's Totals	825	77	902	33	189	5	50	182	66	6	24	272	5	77	22		24	30	292	107	691	673	733.97	762.95	126.55	1623.47	4	2	2	21	11
Young Women's Totals	331	40	371	13	26	2	4				7	140	2	24		1	5	10	146	24	89		58.00	39.18	22.25	119.43	1	1	3	1	3
Light Brigade Totals	714	13	727	4	29	2	3															512	51.50	1.50	37.78	90.78					14
Grand Totals	1870	130	2000	50	244	9	57	182	66	6	31	412	7	101	22	1	29	40	338	131	780	1185	843.47	803.63	186.58	1833.68	5	3	5	22	28

MRS. E. E. SHIMONEK, Sec'y.

Report of Treasurer read and adopted as audited.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer submits the following statements:

1. Receipts for year ending July 31, 1926.
2. Disbursements for year ending July 1, 1926.
3. Recapitulation.

Following is a summary:

Balance on hand first of year		$ 273.64
RECEIPTS.		
Women's Societies	$6,295.97	
Young Women's Societies	1,357.74	
Light Brigades	434.62	8,088.33
		$8,361.97
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Women's Societies	$6,343.99	
Young Women's Societies	1,344.87	
Light Brigades	444.91	8,133.77
BALANCES.		
Women's Societies	$ 129.66	
Young Women's Societies	78.69	
Light Brigades	19.85	$ 228.20

It is exceedingly gratifying to learn that the last fiscal year showed the largest receipts in the history of the synodical society. There was an increase of almost 30% ($2,020.98) over the year ending July 31, 1925; of about 12% ($841.98) over the year ending July 31, 1924, which was the previous largest year in the history of the society.

The following table of receipts for each of the last ten years shows the financial growth of the society:

1917	$1,541.38	1922	$4,149.07
1918	1,899.11	1923	6,294.79
1919	2,333.87	1924	7,246.76
1920	2,679.49	1925	6,067.35
1921	3,403.43	1926	8,088.33

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. A. KEYSER.

Recapitulation

	Cash on Hand Aug. 1, 1925	Receipts	Totals	Disbursements	Bal. July 31, 1926
General Fund	$ 7.25	$1,395.79	$1,403.04	$1,401.00	$ 2.04
Synodical Fee Fund	37.58	285.17	322.75	234.52	88.23
Synodical Travel Fund	71.73	42.30	114.03	38.08	75.95
Bien. Con. Ex. Fund	.21	90.75	90.96	90.70	.26
Thank Offering		2,266.57	2,266.57	2,271.23	4.66
Life Members		590.00	590.00	590.00	
In Memoriam		115.00	115.00	115.00	
India Lace & Thread	6.43	106.58	113.01	84.78	28.23
Lenten Self-Senial Fd.		162.86	162.86	161.36	1.50
E. V. Day School	35.66		35.66	35.66	
Tilda Nelson	42.57	42.57			
Mis. Study Class Ex.	12.30		12.30	12.30	
Tabitha Home		118.00	118.00	118.00	
European Relief	.20		.20		.20
Light Brigade Special	.91	.91			
Mt. Mission Special		624.25	624.25	624.25	
Native Worker	25.00		25.00	25.00	
Bulletin Fund	18.80	30.65	49.45	19.00	30.45
India		75.00	75.00	75.00	
Africa	10.00	15.00	25.00	25.00	
Japan Organ		130.00	130.00	130.00	
Box Work		111.50	111.50	111.50	
Leper Fund		15.40	15.40	15.40	
Missionary Forward Fd.		15.00	15.00	15.00	
May Memorial		4.30	4.30	4.30	
Annuity Bonds		650.00	650.00	650.00	
Hospice		3.00	3.00	3.00	
Foreign Mission Board		25.00	25.00	25.00	
Andhra College		5.00	5.00	5.00	
High Clerc Sale		8.00	8.00	8.00	
Helen C. Beegle Me.		5.00	5.00		5.00
Metta Blair		800.00	800.00	800.00	
African Scholarship		40.00	40.00	40.00	
Cradle Boxes		3.79	3.79	3.79	
Torch Bearer Boxes		2.31	2.31	2.31	
Easter Offering		5.00	5.00	5.00	
Midland Assembly		1.00	1.00		1.00
India Student		80.00	80.00	80.00	
Inner Missions		4.65	4.65	4.65	
Miss Miller	5.00	20.00	25.00	25.00	
Bible Woman		100.00	100.00	100.00	
Christmas Offering		184.94	184.94	184.94	
Totals	$273.64	$8,088.33	$8,361.97	$8,133.77	$228.20

REPORT OF RECEIPTS BY TREASURER OF THE WOMEN'S MISIONARY SOCIETY OF LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA FOR YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1926

Women's Societies	General Fund	Synodical Fee Fund	Synodical Travel Fund	Biennial Convention Fund	Thank Offering	Christmas Offering	Life Members	In Memoriam	India Lace and Thread	Mountain Mission Special	Miscellaneous	Totals
Allen	$ 30.00	$ 2.50	$ 2.75	$ 2.50	$ 12.70	$ 4.15				$ 12.00	$ 5.30	$ 71.90
Auburn	17.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	31.00					15.00		68.00
Beatrice	14.95	1.60		1.60	12.39	.50	20.00			10.00	3.80	64.84
Benedict (Bethel)	19.20				8.39					10.00		37.59
Benedict (Zion)	27.90	2.30	2.30	2.30	28.00	3.20						66.00
Dakota City (Emmanuel)	7.00	.50	.80	.80	14.00	.50			1.00	1.00	3.20	28.80
Dakota City (Salem)	14.40	1.20		1.20	9.20					4.00		33.35
Davenport	17.50	1.50	.75	1.50	30.43	5.45			8.50	10.00	6.77	82.40
Emerson	56.50	9.20		4.50	105.50	25.00	40.00			55.00	22.25	317.95
Falls City	36.00	6.50		1.50	22.00					10.00		76.00
Fremont	45.10	3.10	2.35	2.30	107.13	15.95	10.00	25.00		30.00	197.10	438.03
Grand Island	41.10	3.60	1.85	3.70	65.00			25.00			6.80	147.05
Hardy	25.65	1.50	.90	1.50	18.35	2.00					.75	50.65
Homer					10.00							10.00
Hooper	18.00	1.50	.75	1.60	29.00	5.00	10.00			15.75	160.80	242.40
Lincoln	49.90	4.30	2.15		73.75		40.00			5.00	10.15	185.25
Nebraska City	18.10	1.70	1.05	2.00	69.31	2.40				10.00	5.20	109.76
North Platte	32.40	2.70	1.35	2.70	40.00	5.00				20.00	14.35	118.50
Oakland	36.00	3.00	1.50	3.00							11.50	55.00
Omaha (Church of Our Redeemer)	44.44	8.00			49.15	4.50	40.00			30.00	12.50	188.15
Omaha (First)	18.00	2.25	.75	1.50	25.00		20.00			5.00	11.00	83.50
Omaha (Kountze Memorial)	84.00	9.00	4.00	9.00	262.00	12.00	30.00		9.00	30.00	932.40	1381.40
Omaha (St. Luke's)	15.60	1.00	1.00		36.00	6.00	20.00			20.00	5.00	104.60
Omaha (St. Mark's)	53.00	12.00	2.00	4.00	141.00	18.50	100.00		32.80	35.50	163.50	562.30
Ponca	56.40			7.05	42.53	6.67				44.00	15.11	171.76
Potter											25.00	25.00
Rising City	45.00	9.50		4.00	138.00	15.00	10.00	25.00		30.00	461.00	737.50
South Sioux City	33.60	2.80	1.40	2.80	25.27					3.00	1.40	70.27
Stamford	2.40	.80		.80							1.34	5.34
Stella	9.60				6.20					5.00		20.80
Tekamah	30.00	4.00	1.95	2.10	42.00	4.00	10.00	15.00		20.00	16.30	145.35
Verdon	23.40	5.47		3.90	55.65	6.75	20.00		3.35	10.00	1.00	129.52
Wayne	21.10				32.00					10.00		63.10
West Point	21.40	1.30		1.30	45.00	6.00				16.30	26.24	117.54
Wilber	31.70	3.25	1.00	2.00	56.00	2.00	10.00			10.00	18.65	134.60
Wolbach	11.40	.70	.35		1.60		10.00				1.00	25.05
York												
Offering at Convention		37.67										37.67
Registration Fees		30.75										30.75
Mrs. G. A. Crannell										10.00		10.00
Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Greenawalt										5.00		5.00
Transfer of Funds		11.42								.75	12.33	.21
Northeast Conference		12.00										12.00

Northeast Conference		12.00										
Southeast Conference		6.70										6.70
Fremont Conference		4.31										4.31
Mrs. L. M. and Miss Margaret Johnson					6.00							6.00
Check No. 131 returned		4.70										4.70
Stamford Conference		6.50										6.50
Paxton Conference					4.00							4.00
Total Receipts	$1007.30	$222.82	$32.95	$72.15	$1658.55	$150.57	$390.00	$ 90.00	$ 54.65	$492.30	$2129.68	$6295.97
Young Women's Societies												
Emerson	$ 12.30				$ 11.97		10.00			$ 11.00	$ .55	$ 45.82
Falls City	3.00											3.00
Fremont (Salem)	30.48	* 2.60		2.60	67.36	12.85		25.00		10.95	55.50	207.34
Fremont (East Hall)	31.40				24.64						80.00	136.04
Hardy	5.90				5.00							10.90
Lincoln	7.50											7.50
North Platte	12.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	14.00					10.00		39.00
Omaha (Grace)	5.70	8.70		1.50	40.25					10.00	6.75	72.90
Omaha (Kountze Memorial)	60.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	92.27	8.80	10.00			20.00	59.30	265.37
Omaha (Kountze-Mette Blair)	24.45	4.50	2.25	4.50	44.00		10.00			10.00	10.00	98.45
Omaha (St. Luke's)	21.10	1.70		1.70	53.00		20.00			20.00	.85	118.35
Omaha (St. Mark's)	26.00	6.00			83.50	9.60	70.00			10.00	56.65	161.75
Ponca	7.20	.60		1.20						10.00		19.00
Verdon	13.40	1.10	1.10	1.10	21.62					10.00	4.75	53.07
Wilber	1.50				5.00				1.50			8.00
Transfer of Funds		13.05									13.05	
Total Receipts	$ 261.93	$ 44.25	$ 9.35	$18.60	$ 462.61	$ 31.25	$120.00	$ 25.00	$ 1.50	$121.95	$ 261.30	$1357.74
Light Brigades												
Allen	$ 3.00				$ 4.00							$ 7.00
Auburn	1.11											1.11
Beatrice	2.45				3.20							5.65
Emerson	20.00				25.22		10.00		9.30			64.52
Falls City	8.00				6.00				5.00			19.00
Fremont	6.00				13.50				7.00		1.00	27.50
Grand Island	9.10				10.80				2.10			22.00
Hooper	4.00				5.00				5.00			14.00
Lincoln (Grace)	4.00				15.00		20.00		2.75			41.75
Lincoln (St. James)	1.70											1.70
North Platte	2.00				2.00						1.00	5.00
Oakland	14.00				4.00				2.00		5.00	25.00
Omaha (Kountze Memorial)	1.79											1.79
Omaha (Castellar Mission)	.98											.98
Omaha (St. Mark's)	2.91				15.00							17.91
Ponca	12.61				14.19		10.00		5.78			42.58
Rising City	9.00				18.00	3.12	20.00		5.00		1.00	56.12
Tekamah	3.00						20.00		5.00		4.10	32.10
Walton	2.00											2.00
Wayne	9.00				6.00							15.00
West Point	6.00				3.00				1.50		2.00	12.50
Wilber	3.00				5.50							8.50
Wolbach										10.00		10.00
Transfer of Funds	.91	18.10									$ 18.10	.91
Total Receipts	$ 126.56	$ 18.10			$ 150.41	$ 3.12	$ 80.00		$ 50.43	$ 10.00	$ 4.00	$ 434.62
Grand Totals	$1395.79	$285.17	$42.30	$90.75	$2266.57	$184.94	$590.00	$115.00	$106.58	$624.25	$2386.98	$8088.33

NOTE—Funds under "Miscellaneous" are separated in the Treasurer's exhibit in the protocol under twenty-six captions. Of the $32.80 credited to St. Mark's and $4.00 credited to Kountze Memorial under India Lace and Thread, $25.80 and $2.00 were returned respectively on account of being revenue from the sale of lace.

MRS. O. A. KEYSER, Treas.

Report of Constitution Committee read and referred to proper committee. Constitutions will be printed in full at time of adoption.

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE.

Your Constitution Committee after careful and prayerful consideration, and after obtaining legal advice where necessary, submit to you for your consideration the following suggestions for changes in the Articles of Incorporation and the Articles of the Constitution.

This report of same to be considered the first reading, action to be taken at the 1927 convention.

Your Committee also submits the following proposed changes in the By-Laws to be acted upon at this convention at the direction of the President.

MRS. G. E. HICKMAN.

Convention Committees read as altered:

CONVENTION COMMITTEES.

Chairman of All Convention Committees—Mrs. E. E. Shimonek.

Nominating—Mrs. W. I. Guss, Mrs. F. E. Wood, Mrs. Nell Bowyer.

Registration—Mrs. Geo. H. Haase, Mrs. Fred Stewart.

Resolution—Mrs. H. S. Johnson, Mrs. W. H. Haas.

Standing Committees—Mrs. G. H. Miller, Mrs. J. L. Sawyer, Mrs. Will Harkendorff.

Officers' Reports—Mrs. John Lindahl, Mrs. Loy Ebright, Mrs. Sena Heinzelman.

Department Secretaries—Mrs. Geo. Mendenhall, Mrs. E. L. Geisert, Mrs. A. Oelting.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. C. H. Dean, Miss Mamie Adams, Mrs. Gus Prestegaard.

Equalization—Mrs. O. A. Keyser, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Mrs. V. R. Huffman.

Box Work—Mrs. M. D. Willert, Mrs. Mamie Lipe, Mrs. H. Flores.

Protocol and Last Year's Minutes—Mrs. E. Bollman, Mrs. H. C. Cordts.

Daily Minutes—Mrs. W. W. Coughtry, Mrs. M. A. Mostert, Mrs. Bridenbaugh.

Claims and Expenses—Mrs. O. A. Keyser, Mrs. E. E. Shimonek, Mrs. Wilhelmina Bell.

Local Papers—Mrs. Mary Sick.

The Lutheran—Mrs. H. C. Heckt.

Lutheran Women's Work—Mrs. C. H. B. Lewis.

Nebraska Synodical Lutheran—Mrs. W. I. Guss.

Auditor—Prof. C. K. Burkholder.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. E. F. Nelson.

Greetings to Synod—Mrs. O. A. Frank.

Pages—Miss Fern Mielle, Miss Alma Bonderson, Miss Martha Becker.

Parlimentarians—Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet.

Nominating Committee reported the following:

President—Mrs. L. A. Hornburg and Mrs. C. H. B. Lewis.

Vice President—Mrs. K. deFreese and Mrs. O. L. Sturtevant.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Neiswanger and Mrs. E. F. Nelson.

Statistical Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Shimmonek and Mrs. A. Petring.

Treasurer—Mrs. Geo. H. Haase and Mrs. E. A. VanFleet.

Mrs. Neiswanger and Mrs. Van Fleet withdrew as nominees.

The Floor nominated Mrs. H. C. Cordts for Vice-President and Mrs. W. W. Coughtry for Recording Secretary.

Motion carried that nominations be closed.

Motion carried that we dispense with Second Vice-President in election.

Report of Board of Trustees read and referred to proper committee.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

No meetings held.

$1.00 income tax paid.

The Board recommends that the income tax for 1926 be paid by the Executive Committee.

We recommend that the convention table the report concerning the proposed change of Articles of Incorporation.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. D. WILLERT, Secretary.

Report of Lincoln District read and referred to proper committee.

REPORT OF LINCOLN DISTRICT.

The first meeting of the Lincoln District was held April 30th at Stamford, Nebraska.

This district includes seven congregations, four having Missionary Societies. Two Societies and one congregation were represented with

a total of thirty-three delegates and visitors. An all-day session was held and all departments of the work were presented. Two state officers were present.

MRS. E. E. SHIMONEK.

A portion of Constitution and proposed changes read by Mrs. O. D. Baltzly.

Motion carried that recommendation five of President's recommendations be adopted.

Tellers reported the following result of election:

President—Mrs. L. A. Hornburg.

Vice-President—Mrs. K. deFreese.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. E. F. Nelson.

Statistical ecretary—Mrs. E. E. Shimonek.

Treasurer—Mrs. Geo. H. Haase.

By motion as many department secretaries' reports as time would permit were read at this time.

Following reports were read:

Immigration-Student, Light Brigade, Young Women's and Annuity.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL IMMIGRATION-STUDENT SECRETARY.

Only 15 of the 34 Missionary Societies of this Synod have reported on the Student Census. These report 56 women students and 41 men students. Of these, 16 men and 24 women are attending Midland College, 3 men and 2 women are attending Western Theological Seminary, 8 men are reported as preparing for the ministry and 2 women for missionary and parish work. There are students reported attending 15 different non-Lutheran schools. Eighteen women students are reported as preparing for teaching, and 8 are taking nurse's training.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ALFRED PETRING.

REPORT OF LIGHT BRIGADE SUPERINTENDENT.

Number of Light Brigades	28
Newly Organized	4

Auburn, York, McCool Junction and Verdon.

MEMBERSHIP.

Little Lights	190
Lamp Lighters	259
Torch Bearers	276
Adult Leaders	55
Total	780

CONTRIBUTIONS.

General Fund	$106.98
Thank Offering	135.37
Cash Gifts for Lace Industry	63.26
Life Memberships and In Memoriam	80.00
Specials	18.62
Total	$505.23
Home Missions	2 boxes
Foreign Missions	2 boxes

Honor Roll Societies: Tekamah, Lincoln, (Grace); Rising City, West Point, Ponca, Falls City, Grand Island, Emerson, Hooper, North Platte, Beatrice, Oakland, Wilbur and Allen.

Let every Light Brigade superintendent and every member of the Women's Society work and pray that the work among the children will go steadily forward.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. O. L. STURTEVANT.

REPORT OF YOUNG WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. F. C. Lage resigned in January, and feeling that this year, being Young Women's year, it was necessary that no more time be lost, I assumed the duties in connection with the Presidency.

She sent one quarterly letter and I have sent four since.

English Nebraska was represented by eleven young women at the Young Women's Congress in Rockford. Three remaining for the convention.

A separate time has been set aside at this convention for the young women, having full charge of the meetings themselves.

Two societies have been lost, Tekamah and South Sioux City, but six new ones gained; Hardy, Falls City, Ponca, Wolbach, North Platte and Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha.

Let us pray that more congregations will realize what a blessing is theirs in the Young Women's Society and establish and make secure a better and more far-reaching church for the future.

Yours in the work of the Kingdom,
EDNA M. HORNBURG, Secretary pro tem.

REPORT OF ANNUITY SECRETARY.

Number letters and postal cards sent	70
Number letters sent for Bulletin	3
Number bonds issued	3

$100.00 to Mrs. Clarissa Weller, St. Mark's Society, Omaha; $300.00 to Mrs. Clara Curry, through the Rising City Society; $150.00 to Mrs.

Jennie Geisert, Hooper Society. Total amount, $550.00. Total amount invested in bonds in Nebraska Synod, $1,650.00.

Attended the Omaha District Conference, presenting the work by use of charts furnished by our General Annuity Secretary; also supplied charts and literature for the seven district conference meetings. Presented the work at the other six district meetings, by letter or substitute.

We would stress the importance of an Annuity Secretary in each society, for keeping the people better informed and more interested in this phase of our work.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. M. D. WILLERT, Secretary.

Annuity Bonds Issued.

$100.00 to Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, Kountze Memorial, Omaha, April 25, 1921.
$100.00 to Mrs. Clara Curry, Rising City Society, Garrison, June 1, 1921.
$500.00 to Mrs. Clara Curry, Rising City Society, Garrison, Feb. 10, 1923.
$100.00 to Mrs. Rosa Woodworth, St. Mark's Omaha, July 13, 1923.
$100.00 to Mrs. J. F. Wilhelmy, St. Mark's Omaha, July 19, 1923.
$100.00 to Miss Winnifred Wilhelmy, St. Mark's, Omaha, July 19, 1923.
$100.00 to Mrs. Holmes Dysinger, Fremont, March, 1925.
$100.00 to Mrs. Clarissa Weller, St. Mark's, Omaha, February, 1926.
$300.00 to Mrs. Clara Curry, Rising City Society, Garrison, March, 1926.
$150.00 to Mrs. Jennie Geisert, Hooper, April 19, 1926.

Sailing service for Miss Martha M. Harder and Miss Grace M. Beers, conducted by Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, using Ps. 93:3, 4 and Jer. 5:22 for her text, closed the morning session.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Afternoon session opened with a hymn followed with a prayer by Mrs. H. D. Hoover.

Mrs. H. D. Hoover presented to and addressed convention in the interest of Konnarock and Janice James Schools.

Following reports read and referred to proper committees: Industrial, Standard of Excellence, Life and In Memoriam, Mission Study, Thank Offering and Extension.

REPORT OF INDUSTRIAL SECRETARY.

As Industrial Secretary, I make the following report of sales during the year 1925-1926:

INDIA LACE.

West Point	$ 31.25
Emerson	36.05
Omaha, St. Mark's	28.80

Auburn	2.75
Hooper	12.65
Total	$133.57

WEST INDIES PRODUCTS.

Omaha, St. Mark's	$ 12.70
Hooper	27.50
Total	$ 40.20

WAUTAGA PRODUCTS

West Point	$ 2.50
Total Sales of Industrial Products	$176.27

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. C. HECKT.

	WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY												YOUNG WOMEN																								LIGHT BRIGADE											
		Net Increase	50% Av. Att.	Program Topics	Sub. to Mag. 100%	Light Brigade	Extension Dept.	Mission Study	100% Mem. Obligations	Rep. Con. and Syn. Conv.	Increase T. O. Boxes	100% Syn. & Con. Spec.	Prompt Answers	100% Daily Prayers	20% Mem. Increase	12 Meetings and Program	1 Public Meeting	5% Leading in Prayer	10c per Mo. Dues	Mission Study Class	Del. to Summer School	Annual Report Sent in	Quar. Rep. from Treas.	Del. to Convention	Annual Thank Offering	Christmas Offering	Lenten Offering	Inner Mission Offering	H. F. Inner Box Work	$5 I. A. or Jap Schools	$10 for I. A. or Africa Miss.	Net Inc. Gifts and Offerings	Rotation of Officers	Total	3 Divisions	Reg. Miss Offerings	Increase in Mem.	Av. Att. ½ Mem.	T. Offering Boxes Used	1 Public Meeting	L. Brigade Topics	Annual Report	Prompt Ans.	1 New Life Mem.	Luth. Boys and Girls	Del. to Convention
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MRS. CHAS. S. BREAM, Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE LIFE AND IN MEMORIAM DEPARTMENT.

Four circular letters and department leaflets were sent to every Society in the Synod. Numerous personal letters and cards were also written.

Women's Societies have reported 3 Life, 2 Transferral and 3 In Memoriam for 1925; 28 Life, 1 Transferral and 3 In Memoriam for 1926.

Young Women's Societies report 6 Life for 1925 and 12 Life and 1 In Memoriam for 1926.

Light Brigades reported 14 Life for 1925 and 10 Life for 1926.

This totals 53 Life, 2 Transferral and 3 In Memoriam for 1925 and 50 Life, 1 Transferral and 4 In Memoriam for 1926.

Our Biennium totals 103 Life, 3 Transferrals and 7 In Memoriam. Total receipts, $1,250.00.

Mrs. L. K. Sandford, General Secretary of this department, credits English Nebraska with 112 Life, 3 Transferrals and 7 In Memoriams; total receipts, $1,340.00. This means that 9 Life Memberships were not reported to me. Unless you report to me, your Society will receive no credit in Nebraska's Honor Roll Book. So we urge you to look up your records and report to me any memberships taken out in 1925 and 1926.

We are making a gain each biennium—let us work for even a greater gain for 1927-28.

MRS. GEO. H. HAASE.

MISSION STUDY.

Out of 30 Women's organizations enrolled in our Synodical Society, there were 23 Mission Study Classes with an enrollment of 383.

Six Women's Societies reported Reading Classes with an enrollment of 54.

Almost every Society reported that some of their members had read part of the Reading Course.

Forty-seven read a Missionary Book with a child.

Out of 11 Young Women's organizations, there were 6 Mission Study Classes and one Reading Circle with an enrollment of 193.

Thirty-three women attended a Summer School of Missions.

Twenty women were reported as 100% members or eligible for the Missionary Education Honor Roll.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. I. GUSS.

REPORT OF THANK-OFFERING SECRETARY.

The convention was immediately followed by letters from General and Synodical Secretaries stressing the presentation of the Thank-Offering goal at every meeting, the observance of the Twilight Prayer with the Daily Offerings and the better use of our Thank-Offering

literature; urging every society to make a notable occasion of the Public Thank-Offering Service, and to make the Thank-Offering a subject of daily prayer.

The reports received in January were quite gratifying. Most of our societies held public meetings in November, using the Thank-Offering program and the prepared literature resulting in the developing the grace of gratitude and in many cases an increase of offering. We are grateful for the increased offering.

Of course, you are pleased over the plan for the regular meeting in November. A Thank-Offering program in which we are to study the report of the General Convention from a thankful angle.

I was privileged to attend both the Northeast District Conference at Emerson and the Fremont Conference, presenting the Thank-Offering department work at both.

Someone has said, "Nobody can do the work that God marked out for you." Shall we all heed the message and do the best we can for our Master the coming year?

ELIZABETH S. H. NEISWANGER,
ThankOffering Secretary.

REPORT OF EXTENSION DEPARTMENT SECRETARY.

Knowledge and appreciation of this department is growing—slowly but surely.

The society which has the most active Extension Department is the greatest POWER HOUSE in the Synod. The societies which realize this are giving this department FIRST PLACE.

Number of departments	11
Departments reporting	10
Total number of members	166
Becoming active in society	7
Weekly Readings used	46
Women's Work used	64
Offerings	$17.95

MRS. O. W. EBRIGHT, Secretary.

Motion carried that all Department Secretaries' Reports be made in duplicate.

Motion carried that all Officers' Reports be made in duplicate.

Auditor's Report read and adopted.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the Women's Missionary Society of Nebraska:

I hereby certify that the books and vouchers of Mrs. O. A. Keyser, Treasurer, have been audited by me and found to be correct.

Balance on hand July 31, 1925	$ 273.64
Total receipts	8,088.33
	$8,361.97
Less total disbursements	$8,133.77
Balance on hand July 31, 1926	$ 228.20

Respectfully submitted,

C. K. BURKHOLDER.

Dr. R. L. Patterson addressed the convention in the interest of the Western Theological Seminary, soliciting the prayers of the Women's Missionary Society that more men might give themselves for work in God's Kingdom.

Motion carried that reading of the Constitution be continued Thursday morning.

Literature and Magazine Report read and referred to proper committee.

REPORT OF LITERATURE AND MAGAZINE SECRETARY.

Amount of Literature used this last year:

By the Young Women's Societies	$ 38.30
By the Light Brigades	60.32
By the Women's Societies	226.85
Convention sales at Lincoln	61.17
Total	$386.64

No report as to the sales at Midland Assembly.

From the answers to the reports that I sent out we have 702 subscriptions to the Lutheran Woman's Work. We lacked 161 subscriptions in making our spoke complete at Rockford, Illinois.

We have eleven societies on the honor roll.

May each one of us read our magazines more prayerfully and faithfully this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS SUDA WOOD.

Magazine Wheel presented by Miss Suda Wood; Song, "Work, Nebraska, Work," by the Convention; playlet, "Wave Lengths," by Miss Suda Wood and Mrs. John Frew.

Box Work Report read and referred to proper committee.

REPORT OF BOX WORK SECRETARY.

India Lace, Thread and Products	$ 105.00
Tabitha Home	782.33
Midland Assembly	63.00
Inner Missions	84.22
Konnarock	338.50
Wautaga	53.00
Convention Box Work	57.50
Foreign Missions	10.05
Total	$1,493.60

This may not be a complete report, for I feel there are societies that failed to report to me.

MRS. E. A. WILLIAMS.

Convention Box Work Offering taken.

Consecration of Offering by Mrs. W. I. Guss closed the Session.

WEDNESDAY DINNER PROGRAM.

Wednesday Evening

Light Brigade night, with playlet, "Let us be Friends," by Fremont Light Brigade. Seven Light Brigade Superintendents gave talks on high points of their respective Brigades.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Reading of Psalm 150 by Mrs. R. H. Fair followed with prayer by Miss Suda Wood.

Musical program under the direction of Professor T. Amos Jones, Midland College.

Installation of officers by Mrs. A. K. Walborn, Spokane, Washington.

Offering, $17.83.

Benediction by Dr. R. L. Patterson.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional Service conducted by Miss Helene Harder. Theme: "The Value of Prayer and Service to the World."

Roll Call and Report of Convention Minutes Committee.

Motion carried that Department Secretaries' Reports read in Wednesday Morning Session be referred to proper committee.

Total Convention Box Work reported to be $211.00.

Motion carried that Convention give Miss Suda Wood a rising vote of thanks for so willingly breaking into a valuable file of her mother's and giving five copies of very old Convention Minutes to the Synodical Body that they might have a complete file. By motion Secretary was instructed to write Miss Wood letter of thanks.

By motion Secretary was instructed to send letter of Greetings to Mrs. G. E. Hickman and Mrs. O. L. Sturtevant, absent from Convention on account of illness.

In response to an appeal, 13 women from the floor offered 50 cents each for East Hall girls at Candle Light Dinner Thursday evening.

Motion carried that offering be taken for the purpose of bringing more girls from East Hall to the banquet.

Motion carried that women offering 50 cents each place same on offering plate.

Dr. Mary E. Markley, Women Students' Secretary of United Lutheran Church, introduced to and addressed the Convention.

Report of Resolution Committee read and adopted.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE.

Through the Grace of God we are again permitted to meet in convention and return thanks to God for His protection and guidance during the past year.

Be it resolved that we express our thanks for this successful convention.

First: To our dear President for her untiring and efficient manner in which she has labored under most difficult circumstances, and to other Officers, Committees and Department Secretaries for their splendid reports.

Second: To the Ladies' Aid of Salem church and the Missionary Society for their hospitality and splendid meals served during convention. To Professor Jones and the Salem choir for their splendid musical. To all who had special numbers at the after dinner programs.

Third: To Rev. K. deFreese for greetings from Synod and Communion Service and other pastors who brought words of inspiration.

Fourth: To Miss Metta K. Blair for her inspirational loyalty to the Mission cause.

Fifth: To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Springer for our fine programs and for the stationery given so generously in the past year. Also for programs used at this convention given gratus. To the Fremont Chamber of Commerce for the badges and publicity.

Sixth: To Miss Anna Beckman for her services given so willingly in duplicating Bulletins this past year.

Seventh: To all young women for their help and presence; to Dr. Mary E. Markley for her splendid address, both morning and evening.

Be it further resolved; that our prayers go out to the family of the late Mrs. L. B. Ludden, and to all our missionaries at home and abroad, especially the two young women who are sailing for their new field.

That we pray God's blessing upon our work for the coming year.

Respectfully slbmitted,

MRS. J. S. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Standing Committees read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEES

The report of the Midland Assembly Committee was very favorable and reports an increase in attendance and effective work.

The reports of all District Chairmen show much good work accomplished and great interest.

We recommend the report of the Bulletin Committee as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. H. MILLER.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers read and adopted.

REPORT ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

Your committee on Letters and Papers beg leave to submit the following:

The President's address, "The Importance of Missions," emphasizes the great need of daily witnessing for Christ. To those of us who stay at home comes the privilege of so living that when our Christian Brothers of other lands come here they find Christ in us and not on the shelf.

We acknowledge the receipt of letter from our esteemed co-worker, Mrs. J. F. Krueger, Missionary of Tsingtao, China. She stresses the need of more missionaries, both men and women. She appeals to Nebraska Missionary women that they select a worker in the foreign field and make him or her their intercessory missionary.

A message of appreciation to our "Loyal Women's Missionary Society" and its devoted officers from our Synodical President, Dr. W. F. Rangeler.

MRS. C. H. DEAN.

Report of Committee on Box Work read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOX WORK

We note a large increase in all items, especially India Lace and Products, Tabetha Home and Konnarock.

We recommend that we continue to stress Mountain Mission Work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. D. WILLERT.

Protocol report read and adopted.

REPORT OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

Page 83—President of Benedict (Zion) Women's society should read Mrs. C. C. Walker, instead of Mrs. Edith Herbert.

Page 88—Under Reporters appear, "Auditing, Announcer, Assistant Secretary, Greetings to Synod, Pianist and Song Leader." They are not reporters.

Page 90—Recommendation 9, "That one delegate to the Bienniel Convention and her alternate, be from the Young Women's society," was adopted, but does not conform with action taken on the floor of convention.

Page 92—The societies of Wolbach, York and Stamford are omitted in Statistical report.

Page 93—The Emerson Torch Bearers, Omaha (Church of Our Redeemer) and Omaha (Big Sisters) Light Brigades are omitted in Statistical report.

Page 97—The Light Brigades of Wayne, Walton and Grand Island are omitted in Treasurer's report.

Page 104—The wording, "Mrs. Garcia, Missionary worker," would lead one to think that she were a returned Missionary from Mexico instead of being a worker among Mexicans in Lincoln.

A discrepancy occurs in the Registration report: Officers and department secretaries who attended convention as delegates were counted twice; thus giving an erroneous total.

We would recommend since the minutes are read by many who do not attend convention that at least the devotion themes be included therein, that they may convey a little more of the Spiritual than just a cold report of figures.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. BOLLMAN.

Report of Committee on Officers Reports read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

We commend our President for the time and thought she has so willingly spent toward making our convention a success. And also for the number of visits to Societies and District meetings which she has

made during the year and that she may be able to visit more the coming year, especially the western part of the state.

We also commend our President for her untiring efforts in having Nebraska so well represented at the Young Women's Congress at Rockford, Illinois, Sept. 25, 1926, and for the part she has given the young women in this convention.

We recommend the adoption of the recommnedations not previously considered by the convention and suggest the printing of the entire report.

The Statistical Secretary reports an increase in membership over last year, and the organization of two Women's three Young Women's and four Light Brigades.

We commend the Executive Committee for their efficient work and especially for their printed instructions to local treasurers.

The Treasurer reports an increase in receipts of almost 30 per cent over last year, and also that the yearly receipts have increased from $1,541.38 in 1917 to $8,088.33 in 1926.

We favor the recommendation of the Board of Trustees that this convention table the proposed change in the Articles of Incorporation.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN LINDAHL.

Amount of collection for entertaining East Hall Girls at Candle Light banquet, $18.00. Decision made to invite all East Hall Girls.

Reports of Biennial Convention read in three sections; Mrs. Hornburg reporting first two days, Mrs. Haase the second two days and Mrs. Dean bringing Mrs. Sturtevant's report on the last two days.

Motion carried that Thursday afternoon minutes be approved by Executive Board after Convention.

Life and In Memoriam Secretary announced one more In Memoriam and Life member; bringing the total of shower to $655.00

She also announced the Nebraska delegation to Rockford had made Miss Martha M. Harder a Life Member at that Convention.

Miss Lolling, Tabitha Home nurse, introduced to, and addressed the Convention.

Meeting adjourned with Missionary Benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Mrs. O. D. Baltzly.

Report of Committee on Department Secretaries read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES

We have carefully examined the reports of Department Secretaries and submit the following:

MISSION STUDY—This department shows a substantial increase in Mission Study. There is an increase of 52 members over that of last year.

THANK OFFERING—A very large increase in the number making the daily Thank Offering, a more general use of motto and Prayer Cards.

LIFE AND IN MEMORIAM—A slight decrease in members, $615 received for memberships during the year.

DEACONESS—No report given.

LIGHT BRIGADE—A steady growth in this department. Four new Light Brigades organized this last year; fourteen societies on the Honor Roll. Membership 725, an increase of 90 over last year.

ANNUITY—Total amount of bonds issued in Nebraska, $1,650. An increase is shown over that of last year.

BOX WORK—Reports, but does not feel it authentic.

STUDENT—Only 15 societies out of 34 reported. These report 56 women students and 41 men students. Eight men and two women are preparing for Christian service.

MAGAZINE AND LITERATURE—There are 702 subscriptions to L. W. W., the goal was not reached. Eleven societies on the Honor Roll. A large increase in sale of literature.

MOUNTAIN MISSION—The goal not reached, 19 shares short.

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE—This year shows growth and real progress. Two women's societies are 100 per cent. Two Young Women's societies are First Honor and the Light Brigade has two 100 per cent societies.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT—This department not stressed enough. There are only 11 departments and 7 are following definite program.

YOUNG WOMEN—Full of life and growing. Six new societies organized, two lost, making net gain of four societies.

INDUSTRIAL—Shows increase, reports sales amounting to $176.27.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. MENDENHALL.

Committee on Minutes reported approved.

Report of Equalization Committee read, adopted, and motion carried that same, including amendment, be printed in detail.

REPORT OF EQUALIZATION COMMITTEE

The Committee on Equalization of railroad expenses finds an average of $4.73 and six delegates entitled to payment of funds amounting to $36.30.

Finding the Treasurer has $75.95 in Synodical Travel Fund we recommend the payment of the following:

Mrs. John Lindahl	$ 2.51
Mrs. E. S. H. Neiswanger	.49
Mrs. H. S. Johnson	13.03
Mrs. L. E. Ebright	13.03
Mrs. Alfred Oelting	3.03
Miss Mamie Adams	4.21
	$36.30

MRS. ELIZABETH O. H. NEISWANGER.

Report of Claims Committee read, adopted and motion carried that same appear itemized in minutes.

REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE

The Claims Committee submit the following:

Convention expense	$ 15.00
Desk Expense—President	11.00
Desk Expense—Statistical Secretary	3.81
Desk Expense—Recording Secretary	3.05
Desk Expense—Light Brigade Secretary	11.45
Desk Expense—Young Women's Secretary	3.10
Desk Expense—Industrial Secretary	2.65
Desk Expense—Annuity Secretary	3.00
Desk Expense—Literature and Magazine Secretary	5.00
Desk Expense—Thank Offering Secretary	3.75
Desk Expense—Life and In Memoriam Secretary	5.00
Railroad Fare—Statistical Secretary	6.15
Railroad Fare—Recording Secretary	6.15
Railroad Fare—Literature and Magazine Secretary	3.00
Total	$ 82.20

Respectfully submitted, MRS. E. E. SHIMONEK.

Motion carried that Convention programs be mailed to Congregational Presidents ten days before Convention.

Invitation to meet in Ponca on the Fiftieth Jubilee Convention accepted.

President's recommendations were read on request.

Motion carried that General Executive Board be written to ascertain their willingness to allow the 50th Anniversary Helen Beegle Memorial Special, pledged on floor of 1925 convention, to be counted on the 10th Anniversary special.

Motion carried that present Mountain Mission Special Secretary continue attempt to fill Nebraska quoto on Konnarock shares.

Motion carried that Executive Board be empowered to appoint a Secretary whose business it will be to see that the first Five Hundred Dollars for Golden Jubilee Special be raised.

Motion carried that matter pertaining to disposition of $104.50, originally raised for stereoptican machine, be tabled.

Reading of By-Laws of Constitution continued by Mrs. Baltzly.

Motion carried that By-Laws be acted on seriatim.

Motion carried that By-Law I of Constitution read, "This society shall meet annually at a different time and place from that of Synod of Nebraska to be designated from year to year by this body or the Executive Committee."

Motion carried that By-Law II, with exception of second sentence of Section B be adopted.

Motion carried that By-Law III with exception of changing Section B to read, "Half the expenses of Literature Secretary and Industrial Secretary" adopted.

Motion carried adoption of By-Law IV.

Motion carried By-Law V to read, "All delegates and alternates to General Convention shall be elective and chosen at the Synodical Convention immediately preceeding the General Convention" and adopted.

Motion carried adoption of By-Laws Nos. VI, VII and VIII.

Motion carried adoption of Section A and B of By-Law IX without change. Motion carried that proposed additional Section D of By-Law IX be changed to read "President shall appoint a committee whose duty it is to nominate two candidates for each office; the floor to have the privilege of one nominee for each office" and its adoption.

Motion carried that we consider adoption of Section B of By-Law IX, striking out "Nominating."

Motion carried that By-Law X be changed to read, "Life members of General Society who are members of Congregational Societies shall have the privilege of the floor but not the privilege of voting" and its adoption.

Motion carried to adopt By-Law XI with suggested change of placing "Unfinished Business" ahead of "New Business."

Motion carried the adoption of By-Law XII.

Adoption of By-Laws and First Reading of Constitution finished.

Motion carried that $104.50, originally raised for Stereoptican machine for Rev. Raun, be applied on the Golden Jubilee Special.

Motion carried that we include, "If Society paid their Travel Fund and delegates remain full time at Convention," be added to proposed change of Section A By-Law II.

Industrial Secretary reported sale of $74.64.
Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. W. F. Rangeler.

YOUNG WOMEN'S AFTERNOON SESSION

Session opened with singing of Hymn No. 376 followed with prayer by Miss Rena Bonderson.

Address, "India Mission Work," by Miss Metta Blair.

Solo by Miss Bessie Peterson.

Reports on Rockford Convention and Young Women's Congress by Miss Helen Harder, Miss Metta Blair, Miss Dorothea Mortensen and Miss Irene Block.

Miss Frances Lolling addressed Convention in the interest of Tabitha Home, giving an outline of a day in the Home.

Round Table discussion.

Address, Dr. Mary E. Markley.

Session closed with Hymn No. 382.

Thursday Evening

Young Women's Night. Candle Light Service at table, with tapers "Prayer," "Service" and "Gratitude" lighted from taper "Christianity." Suitable vocal interspersed during lighting of candles by other young women. Estimated 150 young women attended this dinner and formed processional for evening service following.

THURSDAY EVENING

Evening service opened with prosessional, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," by young women.

Address, Dr. Mary E. Markley, Sec. Women Students of U. L. C. A.

Offering, $22.29.

Final reading of Resolution Committee.

Final report of Registration Committee.

Final Report of Registrar Thursday, October 14, 1926, 9 P. M.

Four Officers, six Trustees, ten Department Secretaries, three District Chairmen, one Missionary, one General Secretary; women, 40 delegates; 62 visitors; Young Women, 13 delegates; 28 visitors; Light Brigade, 10 delegates; 4 visitors.

Deducting 19 Officers and Department Secretaries who also registered as delegates, makes a total registration of delegates, 67; visitors registering, 106, with a total receipts for registration fee of $33.00.

Many young women attended the candle light dinner for the young women who did not register. 230 plates were served at this banquet, a large majority of which were young women.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. GEO. H. HAASE.

Convention formally closed by President.
Lord's Prayer.
Benediction pronounced by Rev. Henry Dumler.

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